



John Bel Edwards

GOVERNOR

Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** alcohol and drug abuse in this Nation have reached epidemic stages; and
- WHEREAS,** substance abuse is particularly damaging to one of our most valuable resources, our children, and a contributing factor in the three leading causes of death for teenagers – accidents, homicides, and suicides; and
- WHEREAS,** the National Red Ribbon Campaign will be celebrated in every community during Red Ribbon Week, October 23-30, 2016; and
- WHEREAS,** the Red Ribbon Campaign offers citizens the opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to drug-free lifestyles (no use of illegal drugs, no illegal use of legal drugs); and
- WHEREAS,** it is imperative that visible, unified prevention education efforts by community members be launched to eliminate the demand for drugs; and
- WHEREAS,** it is the goal of Red Ribbon Week to involve families, schools, businesses, churches, law enforcement agencies and service organizations in all aspects of this campaign and to establish an atmosphere that supports awareness, education and on-going initiatives to prevent illegal drug use; and
- WHEREAS,** the Red Ribbon Week Campaign promotes family and individual responsibilities for living healthy, drug-free lifestyles, without illegal drugs or the illegal use of legal drugs; and
- WHEREAS,** there are many activities planned during the Red Ribbon Week Campaign across the state of Louisiana.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, John Bel Edwards, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim October 23–30, 2016 as

RED RIBBON WEEK
in the State of Louisiana.



*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand
officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State
of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge,
on this 21st day of October A.D., 2016.*

John Bel Edwards
Governor of Louisiana